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Dear City Manager and City Council:

The Downtown Leadership Group met last week and discussed deterioration of property values in the Hayward Downtown area, vacancies in the Downtown Business District and recent violent crime in the same area over the past 10 days.

**\* There was a stabbing near the Studio Walk HOA on Atherton St., a robbery on B Street next to the BART station at 12 noon, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> robbery on A Street early in the AM.**

Our meeting included **12 different members of Downtown Home Owners Association Board of Directors**. We also had the BART PD and Hayward PD staff in attendance. A County Supervisor, three Hayward City Council Members, a former City Council Member, and a former City Manager were also present during this meeting.

We are interested in the selection process of the new Hayward Police Chief. What efforts have been made to include Community Activists in the downtown area regarding the selection process?

Please contact me so I can provide you a list of Neighborhood Watch and other business leaders you will want to talk with regarding this important decision making process.